.. Our Boys and Girls..

Edited by Aunt Busy.

"PAPA, WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE FOR ME?"

She was ready to sleep as she lay on my arm, in her little frilled cap so fine, with her golden hair falling out at the edge, Like a circle of noon sunshine.

And I humanned the old time of "Banbury Cross," And "Three Men Who Put Out to Sen," When she sleenly said, as she closed by en she sleeplly said, as she closed her eyes, Papa, what would you take for me?"

And I answered, "A dollar, dear little heart,"
And she slept, buly westy with play.
But I held her warm in my love-strong arms,
And I rocked her and rocked away.
On the dollar meant all the world to me.
The land and the sea and the sky.
The lowest depths of the lowest place.
The highest of all thus, high.

The highest of all that's high. And the cities with streets and palaces,
With their people and stores of art.
I would not take for one low, soft throb
of my little one's loving heart;
Nor all the gold that was ever found
In the busy wealth-finding past,
Would I stake for one smile of my darling's face
Did I know it must be the last.

Would I stake for one simple of the Did I know it must be the last. So I rocked my baby and rocked away,

And felt such a sweet content.
For the words of the song expressed more to me.
Than they ever before had meant.
And the night crept on, and I slept and droamed of things too gladsome to be. And I wakened with lips laying close in my car,
"Pape, what would you take for me?"

—Eugene Field.

AUNT BUSY HAS HER SAY.

Dear Nieces and Nephews: Aunt Busy hopes to receive some letters from her dear old friends now, after her gentle reminder in last week's issue. She is a firm believer in the old saying: "Make new friends, but keep the old." She warmly welcomes her many new nieces and nephews, but does not wish to lose her former correspondents. Many of the dear children sometimes feel that they are too old to write any more to Aunt Busy. Dear, dear! How Aunt Busy wishes that you would never grow too old to write to her! How she would love to receive letters from some dear girls and boys who would write this way:

"Dear Aunt Busy: I am eighteen years old now but I do not feel too old to write you. Have written to you for many years and still wish to remain your loving niece, etc.? Or one like this:

"Dear, Fat Old Auntie: I am nineteen years old and captain of my football team. Am attending college and intend to study law. Used to write to you when I was a little chap, and still remain your loving nephew, etc."

Of course, all the dear children must grow older

but if they would only remain young in heart and mind and not try to feel old so soon, Aunt Busy would feel very happy. Take a wise old lady's advice, dear girls and boys. Keep your minds and hearts young and you will never really look or feel old. Aunt Busy received this same advice in the long ago time and never heeded it; she is now giving you the benefit of her experience.

AUNT BUSY.

THE DEAD KITTEN,

Yo's as stiff an' col' as a stone,
Little cut;
Dey's done frowed out an' left you alone,
Little cut;
I's strokin' you's fur,

But you don't never purr, Nor hump up anywhur— Little car why is that? Is you's purrin' an' humpin' up done? done?

An' why is you's little foot tied,
Little cat?
Did dey pisen yo's tummick inside,
Little cat?
Did dey pound you wif bricks,
Or wif big nasty sticks.
Or abuse you wif kicks?
Little cat, tell me dat,
Did dey laft whenever you cried?

Did it hurt werry bad when you died.

Little cat?
Oh, why didn't you wun off and hide, Little cut?

Little cat?
I's wet in my eyes.
'Cause I most always cries.
Wen pussy cat dies,
Little cat, tink of dat,
An' I'm awfully solly besides.

Des lay still, down in de sof' groun', Little cat; While I tuck the green grass all awound, Little cat; Dey can't hurt you no more. Wen you's tired and so sore; Des sleep quiet, you pare Little cat.

LETTERS AND ANSWERS.

Goldn, Colo., Jan. 20.

Dear Aunt Busy: I would like to be one of your nephews. I am nine years old. I have five miles to go to school. My brother and I have a nice little pony. Her name is Dolly.

I am in the third grade. My brother is in the sixth grade. We have a nice teacher. Her name is Mrs. Mencimer. I hope I will see my letter in the paper. Your loving friend.

THOMAS MURRAY. Auut Busy extends a warm greeting to her "lov-

ing friend" from Golden, Colo. She would like to hear from Nephew Thomas very often. Annt Busy is glad that you like your teacher; all good boys like their teachers and Aunt Busy is sure you are good.

Ponchs Springs, Colo., Jan. 19. My Dear Aunt Busy: I am a little country lass ten years old. My sister Agnes is seven. I am in the fourth grade and Agnes just went in the third. My Grandpa Murray has taken the Intermountain Catholic since it was first published, under the name Colorado Catholic, over twenty years. He still reads it without glasses. He is 77 years old. Should like to join your Sunshine Band. Guess I've written too much for the first time. Love to you and Uncle CATHERINE GAUGHAN.

The little "country lass" from Poncha is gladly welcomed by Aunt Busy. She has so many dear bitle friends in the country, and their letters are always interesting and quaint. Aunt Busy would love to see your venerable grandpa, dear. Tell him that Aunt Busy sends her kindest regards and is pleased to hear that he has read the Intermountain Catholic for over twenty years. She trusts that he

You are a very welcome Sunbeam, Catherine.
Aunt Basy will see that your contribution will be given to the St. Anthony Guild, but she also wishes you to know that she means for the Sunshine work to be done by the dear Sunbeams at their own homes, so send no more money, dear, to Aunt Busy. You are a very sweet little "Sunbeam," and Aunt Busy hopes to hear very often from you. Give her love to little Agues and ask her to write toe.

Idaho Falls, Ida., Jan. 10. Dear Aunt Busy: I thought I would write you a snort letter. I saw my first letter in the paper and I was very much pleased to see it published. Our pastor is going to Salmon City next week and he will have a seventy-five mile journey in bobsleighs. He will not be back for two weeks and probably

It has been snowing very hard all day. We have not had our examination in catechism account of Father Mooney having to go away. Well, I will close for this time, wishing you a bright and happy New Year. From your nephew, BERNARD McGAHAN.

Aunt Busy was pleased to hear from you again. Bernard. She is very anxious to hear about that examination, so be sure to let her knew how you pass. Aunt Busy trusts that your good pastor will keep well and strong during the winter. She does

not fancy a seventy-five mile ride in a bobsleigh. In fact, Aunt Busy would just as soon put her feet in a tub of ice water and jingle a little bell as go sleigh riding, anyhow. But, of course, she is a very old lady now and does not like the cold.

She remembers that many, many years ago she used to own a sled called the "Snow Bird." All of her spare time was spent coasting down a splendid hill on "Snow Bird."

Poor, funny, fat old Aunt Busy! What a spectacle she would be now coasting on "Snow Bird"! Write soon again, Bernard.

AUNT BUSY ON FAITHFUL DOGS.

Aunt Busy clips this little story about a faithful dog from a Chicago paper. It is a true story and the incident happened at Pueblo, Colo. It is a long, long time since Aunt Busy heard from a niece or nephew at Pueblo. The funny old lady has been printing a lot of rhymes about pussy eats for the amusement of her dear nieces. Girls like kittens and boys like dogs. Aunt Busy would like to print some anecdote of rhyme about the faithful dog. composed and written by a Pueblo nephew. Yes, or even a niece; because, although girls dearly love kittens, they have a tender affection for everything good in animal life, and are more apt at poetry than

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 12.-A dog saved Oliver Whitson, his wife and five children from burning to death this morning. The family was asleep when the dog, in an adjoining room, pushed open a door and jumped on the bed, took hold of one of the younger children, and dragged it to the floor. This awoke the parents of the child, and the room was found full of smoke. Whitson, after much difficul-ty, dragged his children from the burning building and then rushed back for his wife. The dog which saved the family was last seen searching about the bed, apparently in search of the children. The animal was burned to death.'

There is no mention in this story about the breed of the animal which saved the family and died while in search of the children. Aunt Busy thinks it must have been a St. Bernard dog. Perhaps you have read about these dogs the Monks of St. Bernard train to rescue travelers from perishing in the mountain passes high up in the Alps. These noble animals go down from the monastery at the approach of storms in search of belated wander-They carry wine in bottles tied about their necks, and a warm blanket is strapped to their backs for the use of the person rescued. Many, many travelers have been saved from perishing through the aid of these noble animals, whose instinct_is almost human.

Russia's Longest Step for Freedom.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The imperial ukase ordering the assembling of government conferences under the presidence of the governors of the various provinces where the rural authorities hold office and in the governments of Kieff, Volhynia and Padelia in order to elaborate the new peasant laws, monopolizes attention here, relegating the far castern crisis to secondary place. The press enthusias-tically hails the new reforms, which are based on the manifesto of March 11, 1903, the newspapers reitcrating that this is the greatest step for the betterment of the conditions of the peasantry since be emancipaion of the serfs. The ukase is welcomed by the liberals, although the Novosti remarks that, "it is a pity the peasants themselves are not empowered specifically to send delegates."

The drafting committee proposes that the laws shall be guided by the following aims: First-To harmonize the existing pensant leg-

islation with modern requirements. Second-To reorganize the courts in order to ex-

pedite the settlement of village disputes. Third-To define individual rights regarding communal lands.

Fourth-To discover means for stimulating individual enterprise and the adoption of modern

Fifth-To settle disputes between the peasants and neighboring land owners. Sixth-To institute in the peasants respect for

the laws and rights of property.

The new laws will only be applicable to the provinces of European Russia where reliable statistics and data are available, without which the drafting committee declines to undertake the task.

---What Won the General Over.

To do justice to the late General Longstreet would require the touch of a poet's hand-say the vanished hand of Father Ryan. Elsewhere we print a resume of the career of the ranking ex-Confederate officer. The story goes that his entrance into the Church was bastened by the ostracism to which the general was subjected when he joined the Re-publican party. When the Episcopalians, his old-time co-religiouists, began to "cut" him for following the dictates of his political creed, he wondered if there was no house of God, where people, no matter what their political prejudices might possessed and practiced brother charity. Writing to the Catholic Columbian, James R. Randall says of General Longstreet in this connection: "So, experimentally as it were, in New Orleans he went to a Catholic church and was received kindly by all the members, although many of them no doubt disapproved his course politically and some, as old soldiers, grieved over it. At any rate, this kind-ness touched his heart, and after much study, reflection and instruction, along with the grace of God, he became a Catholic, lived one practically, and died in the peace of God, blessed by the priest, eulogized by the bishop and will be prayed for by our people." And like a good died of the research died of the control of good soldier of the cross General Longstreet did not rest till be succeeded in bringing over to the Church the lady whose hand he wou in marriage and whose memory is cherished in Georgia as that of a worthy consort for a noble officer. Catholic

Sends Ultimatum to Pope.

The French governs on this presented the Vatican with a note, in the nature of an ultimatum, regarding the appointment of bishops to five vacant French sees, substantially saying that either the Pope must approve the selections of the French government or they will be announced officially without the approbation of the Holy Sec. In addition, the papal nuncio will be asked to leave Paris, and the clergy will be forbidden to collect Peter's pence in the churches, but the concordat will not vet be denounced.

The rumor that the Pope has decided to approve the appointments is incorrect. The Vatican hopes to be able to continue the negotiations.

Archbishop Aids Citizens' Movement.

Archbishop Quigley has named Rev. Thomas E. Cox to represent him on the citizens' committee for the suppression of crime in Chicago. The arch-bishop was invited by letter from Judge Tuthill to name a representative, expressing the wish that Father Cox be selected. To this request the archbishop has acceeded, showing his sympathy with the citizens' movement.

Do not fail to keep uppermost in your efforts to please God the idea that you are to attempt to go beyond the strength He gives you. Thus you have well defined limit to all your efforts to work, and if you accept the assurance God gives you of how far you can use His strength you are sure of victory when accepting His Word and doing His Will.

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AND UPON THIS ROCK SHALL I BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT FREVALL AGAINST IT." This is particularly appropriate to over y true believer, assmuch as the Pope is the This magnificent picture, size 19x20 VAIL AGAINST IT. To the large and the result of the result crossed together with a rosary, and beneath this is a tablet, with the PARTICULARS OF THE BIOGRAPHY of the late Pentilt, giving the DATE and PLACE OF HIS BIRTH, WHERF EDUCATED, WHEN HE WAS ORDAINED, WHEN HE WAS ORDAINED, PRIEST MADE BISHOP, ARCH-BISHOP, CARDINAL, AND FINALLY ELECTED POPE: also giving the DATE WHEN HE WAS CROWNED, and the DATE OF HIS DEATH Once side of the biography is a representation of the gates of baradise, which are open to all true believers, and on the other side are the gates of hell, which are closed in the same way to all true believers. There are many other beautiful and appropriate symbols in this picture, such as flowers, censers, etc. It is altogether the most elaberate and costly production which has ever been printed, and with most elaberate and costly production which has ever been printed, appropri-such as altogether estly pro-printed, duction which has ever been printed, and will meet with an enormous sale. EVERY CATHOLIC FAMILY WILL WANT ONE, and every true Catholic will be doing a good work in bringing this picture before the notice of his picture before the notice of his riends. It has been approved by several of the prominent clergy and is bound to give satisfaction. AGENTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REAP A RICH HARVEST IF THEY START TAKING ORDERS AT ONCE. LET THERE BE NO DELAY BEGIN AT ONCE. SAMPLE \$ CENTS: 3 FOR 50 CENTS: 3 FOR \$5.00. 30 FOR \$5.00. OR 100 FOR \$2.50. postage prepaid.

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